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RUGELEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

YEAR 1963

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
RUGELEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the people in the District, and the work of the Health Department, for the year 1963.

The estimated population of the Urban District increased to 14,320, thus continuing the steady expansion 34.28 noted over the years.

There were 409 live births and 115 deaths during the year, and the natural increase was therefore 294, as compared with 217 in the previous year.
In addition, the population was increased by 376 persons coming to reside in Rugeley.

The live birth rate was 28.56 (actual) and was thus even higher than the already high rate (25.42) recorded in 1962.
Indeed this rate is the highest recorded in Rugeley since 1905.
It is fully 50% higher than the National average figure of 18.2.
Because of the favourable age structure of Rugeley's population, a comparability factor of 0.9 has to be used in comparative calculations to cancel out this advantage.
Even when so adjusted, Rugeley's comparative (not actual) birth rate, at 26.6 is outstanding.

There were nine still births in the district in 1963.
The total was the same as for the preceding year, but was related to an increased number of births.
In consequence of this, the still birth rate for the District fell from 25.86 last year, to 21.53 this year.
The figure is close the the National average still birth rate of 17.3 and is a considerable achievement for an industrial community.

The infant mortality rate also fell - from 25.97 to 21.76.
Nearly all the deaths - seven out of a total of nine - occurred in the first week. Four were due to prematurity, and three to atelectasis. There was one death from bronchopneumonia, and one from gastroenteritis.

There were no maternal deaths.

There were 115 deaths in the district in 1963, giving an actual death rate of 8.03.
This figure is low compared with the National average of 12.2, and contrasts strongly, for example, with those from "retirement areas."
The low death rate is, like the high birth rate, another aspect of the comparative youth of the population of Rugeley, a feature common to expanding towns, and to new towns, which have populations with a high proportion of young married people at the family raising stage.
These "indices of expansion" - high birth rate and low death rate - were higher and lower respectively in 1963, than at any time in the preceding decade, and of course both point in the same direction.

An analysis of the deaths shows no departure from the normal pattern.

Diseases of the heart and vessels accounted for one half of the total.
They were mostly senile degenerations - heart failures, and "strokes."

Cancer deaths were substantially less in 1963. Cancer, together with the diseases of the heart and vessels accounted for the great majority of deaths. The figures for chronic bronchitis and for pneumonia both showed some reduction, but the figures are small in any case.

Measles were unduly prevalent throughout the year. Sporadic cases of whooping cough continued to occur throughout the year.

There were only 17 cases of dysentery in 1963 - half the figure for 1962. The cases were scattered geographically, and well spaced in time.

No cases of Poliomyelitis occurred.

No cases of Diphtheria occurred.

Three new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year. Five cases were transferred out, and nine cases were cured.

The number on the register fell for the third consecutive year, and is now 53.

Five cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year.

No Council houses were built in 1963, but 169 dwellings were erected privately.

Chemical analysis and bacteriological examinations of the water supply to the town produced uniformally satisfactory results.

It is my pleasure once more to record my grateful thanks to the staff of the department, and to the Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and support.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

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SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area of District .. .. 2,882 acres

Registrar General's estimate of resident population 14,320

Rateable Value .. .. £412,276.

Sum represented by a penny rate .. .. £1,637. 19s. 8d.

Number of houses inhabited at the end of 1963 4,334

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	178	205	383
Illegitimate	12	14	26
Total	190	219	409

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population 28.56

Illegitimate Live Birth Rate per cent of total live births .. 6.78

Area Comparability Factor:-

The Area Comparability Factor provided by the Registrar General is 0.90. This Factor X Crude Live Birth Rate gives a standard Birth Rate for the District of 26.60

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 for England & Wales 18.2

LIVE BIRTHS

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Legitimate	201	246	274	262	265	249	258	314	342	383
Illegitimate	3	15	9	14	4	10	7	13	6	26
Birth Rate per thousand estimated resident pop.	19.91	23.47	25.11	24.19	22.97	21.84	21.27	25.15	25.42	28.56

STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	7	2	9
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	7	2	9

Still Birth Rate 1,000 live and still births 21.53

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births .. 18.2
(England & Wales)

STILL BIRTHS

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Legitimate	3	9	9	10	7	8	5	7	9	9
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live & still births	14.47	33.3	31.8	34.96	25.36	29.96	18.87	21.40	25.86	21.53

DEATHS

Nett deaths allocated to the District after allowing for inward and outward transfers:-

Male	Female	Total
58	57	115

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population 8.03

The Area Comparability Factor provided by the Registrar General is in this case 1.44

This Factor X Crude Death Rate gives a standard Death Rate of 11.56

Death Rate for England & Wales 12.2

MATERNAL MORTALITY

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 live and still births: Rugeley	Rate per 1,000 live and still births: England & Wales
Maternal causes (Excluding abortion)	-	0.00	0.28
Others due to abortion	-	0.00	0.00
	-	0.00	0.28

INFANT MORTALITY

	Actual Deaths	Rugeley Rate	England & Wales Rate
Deaths under one year of age:-			
All infants per 1,000 live births	9	21.76	20.9
Legitimate infants per 1,000 Legitimate births	6	15.66	
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births	3	115.38	
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	8	19.56	14.1
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	7	17.11	
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	16	38.27	

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	3rd week	4th week	Total 1 - 4 weeks Neo-Natal Mortality	4 weeks - 3 months	3 months - 6 months	6 months - 9 months	9 months - 12 months	Total deaths under 1 year of age
Prematurity	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Atelectasis	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Bronchopneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Gastro Enteritis	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	7	-	1	-	8	1	-	-	-	9

The estimated population, birth rate, infant mortality rate (I.M.R) and Maternal Mortality Rate (M.M.R.) for the past ten years as follows:-

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Population	10,240	11,120	11,270	11,410	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320
Birth Rate	19.91	23.47	25.11	24.19	22.97	21.84	21.27	25.15	25.42	28.56
I.M. Rate	63.72	30.65	49.43	43.47	40.09	23.17	27.13	27.52	25.97	21.76
M.M. Rate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Death Rate	9.96	8.54	9.49	9.55	9.48	8.77	7.74	8.69	13.69	8.03

CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

	Male	Female	Total	% of Total Deaths in 1962	% of Total Deaths in 1963
Heart Disease	17	21	38	38.16	33.04
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	8	13	21	14.50	18.26
Cancer	7	6	13	14.50	11.30
Pneumonia	4	2	6	7.63	5.21
Bronchitis	3	2	5	9.90	4.34
Motor Accidents	1	3	4	2.20	3.47

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1963

	Male	Female
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningoccocal infections	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	2	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	3
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	1
16. Diabetes	2	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	13
18. Coronary Disease, angina	10	8
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	-
20. Other heart diseases	6	13
21. Other circulatory diseases	-	-
22. Influenza	-	-
23. Pneumonia	4	2
24. Bronchitis	3	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	7
33. Motor vehicle accidents	1	3
34. All other accidents	2	-
35. Suicide	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
	58	57

NATURAL INCREASE - EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Births	204	261	283	276	269	259	258	314	342	409
Deaths	102	95	107	109	111	104	94	113	131	115
Natural Increase	102	166	176	167	158	155	164	201	211	294
Estimated Pop.	10,240	11,120	11,270	11,410	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320

SECTION B

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Scarlet Fever	-	3	5	5	-	1	5
Measles	90	136	11	-	202	-	229
Whooping Cough	1	2	10	4	15	3	29
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis							
Paralytic	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Acute Polio Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	16	58	-	5	-	34	17
Enteric Fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	1	-	-	-	4	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastro Enteritis	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

ANALYSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE BY AGE GROUPS

	Dysentery	Whooping Cough	Scarlet Fever	Measles
Under 1 year	-	5	-	9
1 "	-	4	-	17
2 "	-	4	-	28
3 "	-	1	-	31
4 "	-	1	-	21
5 - 9 "	1	8	3	99
10 - 14 "	3	2	-	5
15 - 24 "	1	-	1	-
25 & over	7	-	-	-
Age unknown	5	4	1	19

TUBERCULOSIS

	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
NEW CASES											
Pulmonary	5	8	11	8	5	6	6	-	-	5	2
Non-Pulmonary	-	2	3	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	1
TOTAL	5	10	14	10	6	7	6	-	1	5	3
DEATHS											
Pulmonary	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER. The number of Tuberculosis cases on the Register on 31st. December, 1963 was 53

The Distribution was as follows:-

	Peartree Ward	Hagley Ward	Ravenhill Ward	Brereton Ward	Wolseley Road Ward
Pulmonary	14	5	4	15	9
Non-Pulmonary ..	2	1	0	2	1
Total	16	6	4	17	10

Additions to Register	PULMONARY
No. of New Notifications	2
No. of Transfers IN	0
No. Restored to Register	0
TOTAL	2

Deletions from Register	PULMONARY
No. Died	0
No. Recovered	4
No. of Transfers OUT	4
TOTAL	8

Additions to Register	NON PULMONARY
No. of New Notifications	1
No. of Transfers IN	0
No. Restored to Register	0
TOTAL	1

Deletions from Register	NON PULMONARY
No. Died	0
No. Recovered	5
No. of Transfers OUT	1
TOTAL	6

CANCERS

There were 13 deaths from cancer, 6 less than in the previous year. The following table shows **the trend over the last 10 years.**

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Deaths	23	16	17	24	13	16	17	26	19	13
Population	10,240	11,120	11,270	11,410	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320
Rate per 1,000 of the population.	2.24	1.43	1.50	2.10	1.11	1.33	1.40	2.00	1.39	0.90

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my 33rd. Annual Report dealing with the work carried out in my department during 1963.

DRAINAGE OF THE DISTRICT

Premises not within 100 feet of the sewer

There is no sewer available in Fortescue Lane (part), Wolseley Road (part), Etching Hill, and Slitting Mill, where the closet accommodation is as follows:-

HEDNESFORD ROAD

3 premises

FORTESCUE LANE

19 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.
8 premises with pail closets.

WOLSELEY ROAD AREA

44 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.
77 premises to private sewage disposal installations.

ETCHING HILL AREA

165 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.
1 premises with pail closet.
2 premises with privy middens.

SLITTING MILL AREA

11 premises to a private sewage disposal installation.
30 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.
16 premises with pail closets.
8 premises with privy middens.

BRERETON AREA

2 premises with pail closets.

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no private swimming baths or pools in the area. The Council have two paddling pools.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) DRY HOUSE REFUSE - The whole of the refuse of the district is removed by the Council's workmen in two covered vehicles, normally once every week. The Council carry out Controlled Tipping at the tips.

(b) CONTENTS OF PAIL CLOSETS, CESSPOOLS, ETC - This is conveyed from the premises in a new cesspool emptier. The pail closets are emptied once every week. Cesspools were emptied 177 times by the Council's workmen during the year.

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS AND NOTICES

Number of visits during the year, either in connection with Infectious Disease, or in course of investigating complaints, or in carrying out surveys amount to 2899.

HOUSING ACTS 1936 & 1957

UNFIT HOUSES

UNFIT HOUSES REPRESENTED DURING THE YEAR

The following 18 houses were represented to the Council during the year as being in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation:-

72 Queen Street, Demolition Order.
42 Bow Street, Demolition Order.
104 Main Road, Brereton, Demolition Order.
106 " " " " "
108 " " " " "
30 Brereton Road, Demolition Order.
33 Lichfield Street, Closing Order.
26 King Street, Clearance Order.
28 " " " "
84 Queen Street, " "
86 " " " "
88 " " " "
90 " " " "
92 " " " "
94 " " " "
96 " " " "
98 " " " "
100 " " " "

HOUSES DEMOLISHED DURING THE YEAR

The following 20 houses were demolished within the district during the year.

1 Bradburys Row, Brereton.
2 " " "
3 " " "
2 Brewery Street.
7 Brook Square.
14 Market Street.
16 " "
6 Elmore Lane.
8 " "
8A " "
12 " "
14 " "
72 Queen Street.
74 " "
76 " "
1 Foundry Cottages, Brereton.
2 " " "
3 " " "
4 " " "
5 " " "

UNFIT HOUSES STILL IN OCCUPATION AT 31ST DECEMBER 1963.

The following 34 dwellings (in respect of which the Council have put on Demolition Orders or Closing Orders, or accepted Undertakings not to relet) are still in occupation:-

Belle View Cottage, 19th April, 1961, Closing Order.
2 Mill Lane, 15th February 1961, Demoltion Order.
Threadgold, Love Lane, 22nd February 1953, Undertkaing.
38 Bow Street, 13th December 1956, Closing Order.
1 Green Lane, 1957, Purhcased by Council.
3 Redbrook Lane, Brereton, 28th May 1961, Clearance Order.
5 " " " " " " " "
7 " " " " " " " "
9 " " " " " " " "
1 Ladyhill Terrace, 21st February 1962, Closing Order.
Mrs. Wood, The Levels, Brereton, 18th April 1962, Demolition Order.
Scragg, Coalpit Lane, 18th April 1962, Demolition Order.
104 Main Road, Brereton, Demolition Order, 19th June 1963.
106 " " " " " " " "
108 " " " " " " " "
33 Lichfield Street, Closing Order, 19th June 1963.
26 King Street, Clearance Order, December 1963.
28 " " " " " "
84 Queen Street, Clearance Order, December 1963.
88 " " " " " "
90 " " " " " "
92 " " " " " "
94 " " " " " "
96 " " " " " "
98 " " " " " "
100 " " " " " "
23 Hednesford Road, 18th April 1962, Demolition Order.
22 Albion Street, 18th April 1962, Closing Order.
5 Bees Lane, 18th April 1962, Demolition Order.
7 " " " " " " "
9 " " " " " " "
11 " " " " " " "
13 " " " " " " "
Horns Cottage, Slitting Mill, 17th October 1962, Demolition Order.

UNFIT HOUSES NOT OCCUPIED AT 31ST DECEMBER 1963.

The following 27 houses are not occupied for human habitation but are subject to Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or Undertakings not to relet:-

Late Whittaker, Love Lane, 27th October 1952, Closing Order.
9 Market Street, 18th April 1966, Closing Order.
11 Market Square, 21st November 1956, Closing Order.
74 Church Street, 1957, Purchased by Council.
41 Elmore Lane, 19th November 1958, Closing Order.
Merrick, Coalpit Lane, 20th October 1960, Closing Order.
Bostock, Glovers Hill, 21st December 1960. " "
Smith, " " " " " " "
Brereton Hall Cottage, 27th April 1960. " "
House adjoining Browns, Coalpit Lane, 19th April 1961, Demolition Order.
3 Mill Lane, 15th February 1961, Demolition Order.
House occupied by Mr. H. Brown, Coalpit Lane, 19th April 1961, Demolition Order.
Molineux' house, Glovers Hill, 22nd November 1955, Undertaking.
28 Market Street, Owner undertook to submit improvement scheme.
30 " " " " " " " "
Empty house next to Mrs. Wood, The Levels, Brereton, 18th April 1962, Demolition Order.
1 Bees Lane, 18th April 1962, Demolition Order.
3 " " " " " " "

42 Bow Street, Demoliton Order.
21 Sheep Fair, Closing Order.
4 Armitage Road, 18th October 1961, Demolition Order.
6 " " " " " " "
8 " " " " " " "
Lower Birches Farm House, 3rd April 1954, Undertaking.
42 Horse Fair, Undertaking.
10 Forge Road, Closing Order.
30 Brereton Road, Demolition Order, 19th June 1963.

Number of STATUTORY NOTICES complied with: 78 as follows:-

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, 1936 & 1961

Section 17.	Blocked drains	12
Section 39.	Defective or insufficient drainage	1
Section 45.	Defective closet accommodation	2
Section 75.	Provision of new dustbins	6
Section 83.	Cleansing of premises	4
Section 93.	Houses made fit or repaired	47
Section 93.	Smoke nuisance	1
Section 93.	Offensive accumulations	2
Section 93.	Animals causing nuisance	3

Number of INTIMATORY or VERBAL NOTICES complied with, 722 as follows:-

Food Hygiene Regulations, travelling shops	5
Dwelling houses made fit or repaired	221
Obstructed drains cleansed	42
Drains amended in construction	2
Water closet basins renewed	35
Water closet cisterns repaired or renewed	52
Dustbins provided	141
Animals improperly kept	3
Cesspools repaired	4
Burst water piping	172
Offensive accumulations	5
Dirty houses	13
Caravans causing nuisance	23
Overcrowding	2
Smoke nuisance	1
Factory exhaust fumes	1

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BY-LAWS OR REGULATIONS

There are no Common Lodging Houses in this District. There is a tannery in the district. There are no underground sleeping places in the district. There are no By-Laws for: Houses-let-in-lodgings, tents, vans, sheds, etc., or Lodgings and accommodation for Hop-pickers. There are By-Laws for dealing with offensive trades. There is one offensive trade in the district. There are By-Laws for the control of markets and also there are By-Laws in respect of the business of barbers and hairdressers.

SCHOOLS

In Rugeley Town and Brereton the sanitary conveniences are on the water carriage system. The Slitting Mill schools have chemical closets and the sink waste is drained to a cesspool. The water supply to all the schools is received from the South Staffs. Waterworks Mains.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no premises in the district which are controllable by the Council under the Act, viz., Registered Premises, where filling materials are used in the manufacture of bedding, toys upholstery, etc., or Licensed Premises, where rag flock is (a) manufactured or (b) stored for distribution to Registered Premises.

HOUSING

1. UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES

INSPECTION - (1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts 372

Number of Inspections made for that purpose 398

(2) Number of Houses inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 .. 365

Number of inspections made for that purpose 398

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurous to health as being unfit human habitation 18

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under previous subhead) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation 328

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Number of defected dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers .. 221

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

HOUSES CLOSED OR DEMOLISHED

(a) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Sec. 17) 20

(2) Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Sec. 16 and still in force 0

(3) Parts of buildings closed (Sec.18) 0

(b) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1949, closed as a result of Closing Orders under Sec. 3 0

(c) - Proceedings under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953. Closed as a result of Closing Orders under Sec.10 and 11 0

(d) - Proceedings under Housing Act 1957 closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 17 0

REPAIRS

(a) - Proceedings under Public Health Acts, houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.

(1)	By owners	47
(2)	By local authority in default	0

(b) - Proceedings under Housing Act 1957, houses made fit after service of formal notice.

(1)	By owners	60
(2)	By local authority in default	0

RODENT CONTROL

The work of dealing with infestations has been carried out throughout the year under my supervision.

During the year the part time Rodent Operative was on duty 382 hours. Of this 64 hours were spent on treating the Council's property such as sewage works, refuse tips etc., 177 hours were spent at private houses, canal banks, hedge rows etc., and the remaining 141 hours were spent on either rechargable work at business premises, or the general inspection of business premises.

CARAVANS

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

There are seven caravan sites licensed under the above Act within the Urban District.

No nuisance as resulted from these caravans during the year. The names of those holding licenses and the site of each caravan are as follows:-

Mr. W. Nixon, "The Vine Inn," Sheep Fair, Rugeley.
Mr. A. Venables, 19 Sheep Fair, Rugeley.
Mr. H.G. Evans, 16 Bryans Lane, Rugeley.
Mrs. C.A. Pratt, Trent Farm, Rugeley.
Mr. R. Gater, Love Lane, Rugeley, (12 caravans).
Mrs. E. Preston, 70 Peakes Road, Etching Hill, Rugeley.
Messrs. Judkin & Jones, Market Street, Rugeley.
Mr. H. Vernon, Bradbury's Row, Brereton, Rugeley. (5 caravans).
Mr. M.J. Clay, Slitting Mill, Rugeley.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT.

Wet Fish shops	1
Combined Fruit, vegetable and wet fish shops	4
Butchers shops	11
Cafes	6
Bakehouses	1
Fried Fish shops	4
General shops for the sale of sweets, grocery, fruit & vegetables	20
Sweet shops	4

FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT CONTINUED

Cake shops	5
Fruit and vegetable shops	4
School Canteens	11
Public Houses	26
Chemists	4
Works Canteens	4
Private Clubs, etc	10
Drug Stores	1

2. PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938, AND THE ICE CREAM REGULATIONS

(a) For the preparation or manufacture of cooked meats etc.	12
(b) For the manufacture of ice cream by hot mix	0
(c) For the manufacture of ice cream by cold mix	0
(d) For the sale and storage of ice cream only. Such ice cream being purchased from the leading manufacturers ..	46

3. METHODS OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOODS

(a) Meat. Unfit meat is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Meat (Staining and Sterilization) Regulations, 1960.

(b) Other foods. Tins pierced, jars etc., broken. Contents of same and other foods buried at refuse tips.

4. It has not been found necessary to examine any special consignment of stock of food during the year, except the contents of a deep freeze refrigerator which broke down. The whole of the contents were found to be unfit for human consumption. Mostly on request for examination by the provision merchants the following were found to be unfit for human consumption:-

23 tins meat, 1 stone 4½ lbs fish, 10 tins of fish, 40 pkts. frozen fish, 165 tins tomatoes, 3 tins soup, 7 tins peas, 51 pkts. frozen peas, 2 tins beans, 6 pkts. frozen beans, 42 tins fruit, 11 tins milk, 1 jar honey, 2 tins sago, 1 tin rice pudding, 2 pkts. rice, 1 pkt. cream crackers, 1 pkt. twiglets, 1 jar beetroot, 1 bottle sauce, 1 jar marmalade, 3 pkts. salt, 1 tin syrup, 5 pkts frozen sausage, 10 pkts. frozen fish cakes, 4 pkts., dairy mousse, 27 pkts. frozen sprouts, 15 pkts. mixed vegetables, 6 pkts. frozen chips, 12 pkts. frozen cheese cakes, 5 pkts. frozen chicken pies, 1 tin cream, 2 cartons frozen cream, 2 lemons, 2½ lbs. mushrooms, 1 tin steak & kidney pie, 1 jar jelly.

5. ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947-52.

It will be seen that no ice cream is now manufactured in the district by either hot or cold mix.

6. FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 AND FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960.

During the year a piece of cloth was found in a loaf of bread. On legal proceedings being taken the bakers had to pay £7. 7s. 0d. costs. A grub was found in a piece of nut toffee and a strong letter was sent to the manufacturers.

All other occupiers of the food premises in the district and their employees have co-operated to ensure compliance with the above Act and Regulations.
The number of food premises in the district other than registered premises which were inspected during the year was 85.

MEAT INSPECTION

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	323	2	17	985	442	7
Number inspected	323	2	17	985	442	7
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis						
Whole carcases condemned	14	1	1	1	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	12	-	-	7	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis & cysticercosis	8.05	50	5.82	0.81	-	-
Tuberculosis Only						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	9	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.22	-
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

The condemned percentage figures are on the high side because A.Parker & Sons Slaughterhouse is a casualty station for the emergency slaughter of animals from the districts surrounding Rugeley. It is also used by the Ministry of Agriculture Inspectors for the slaughter of animals under the T.B. Order.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES AND KNACKERS' YARDS

Food and Drugs Act 1955, Section 62

There are two slaughter houses and one knacker's yard licensed under the above Act within the district. They are as follows:-

Slaughterhouse, Love Lane. Owner A.Parker & Sons Ltd.

Slaughterhouse, Horse Fair. Owner A. Astbury Ltd.

Knackers Yard, Leathermill Lane. Owner A. Parker & Sons Ltd.

SLAUGHTER-MEN

Slaughter of Animals Acts 1933 & 1951

The following is a list of persons licensed to slaughter or stun animals in slaughter-houses and knackers' yards.

Mr. J. Jarrett, 5 Love Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. L. M. Millback, 144 Walsall Road, Walsall.
Mr. A. Astbury, Holly Lodge, Sandy Lane, Rugeley.
Mr.E.E. Upton, Wolseley Road, Rugeley.
Mr. G. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. P. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. D. O. Sanders, Horse Fair, Rugeley.
Mr. A. E. Chinnock, 35 Armitage Road, Rugeley.
Mr. S. R. Sanders, 30b Horse Fair, Rugeley.
Mr. R. W. Wallbank, 7 Mossley, Rugeley.
Mr. J.K. Rosser, 43 Springfield Avenue, Rugeley.
Mr. F. Southwell, "Hillcrest," Hednesford Road, Rugeley.
Mr. T. McElroy, 14 Queen Street, Rugeley.

WATER SUPPLY

The water is supplied by the South Staffordshire Water Company. This supply has been satisfactory (a) in Quality and (b) in quantity.

In addition to the samples we submit to the County Analyst and County Bacteriologist, the Water Works Company take frequent samples of the raw water for bacteriological and chemical examination (a) before treatment (b) after treatment, and (c) from taps in our district.

The supply is a constant one, and does not have a plumbo-solvent action. There was no action in respect of any form of contamination during the year.

All the dwelling houses etc., in the district are supplied from the public mains, and the supply in each case is directly over the sink.

The following are reports of samples of the Council's Public Water Supply:-

ANALYST'S REPORT

pH Value	7.3
	Parts per million
Total solid matter dried at 212°F	330.0
Free and Saline Ammonia	Nil
Albuminoid	Nil
Nitric Nitrogen	4.5
Chlorine present as Chloride	32.0
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 80°F	Nil
Appearance - Clean and Colourless	
Metallic Contamination	Nil
Total Hardness	15.4°
Permanent Hardness	6.1°
Temporary Hardness	9.3°

REMARKS:- This water is chemically of satisfactory quality.

BACTERIOLOGIST'S REPORT -

Probable number of coliform bacilli - Nil per 100 ml.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 & 1936

Petroleum (Mixtures) Order, 1929

Licences were granted subject to the licensees complying with the Council's regulations and the Chief Fire Officer's recommendations.

Thre premises licensed within the Urban District are listed below:-

Palfreyman's Yard, Sheep Fair - Mr. A. Manton	500 gallons
Garage, Brereton Road - Messrs. J.Edwards & Son	9000 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road - Messrs. J.S. Pendlebury & Son	2000 gallons
Garage, Anson Street- C.J. Sargeant	1000 gallons
Garage, Bees Lane - Messrs. J. Edwards & Son	1300 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road - Mr. S. Cubley	3000 gallons
Garage, Market Street - Rugeley Motors	9000 gallons
Garage, Armitage Road - Lea Hall Garage	6000 gallons
Garage, Elmore Lane - Messrs. M.A. & C.J. Whieldon	1000 gallons
Mr. A. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane	500 gallons
Electronic Products, Ravenhill	500 gallons
Rugeley Industrial Co-Operative Society Ltd	750 gallons
Staffordshire Fire Brigade, Taylors Lane	40 gallons
Mr. J. Carney, Wolseley Road	500 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road, Richardsons Transport	9000 gallons
Lea Hall Colliery	1000 gallons
Midway Service Station, Brereton	9000 gallons
United Constructions Ltd., Armitage Road	12000 gallons
Babcock & Wilcox, Rugeley Power Station	500 gallons
Pear Tree Garage, Hednesford Road	5000 gallons
J.R. Hindley & Son Ltd., Wharf Road	1000 gallons

FACTORY ACT 1961

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provision as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections. Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prose-cuted (5)
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	-	-	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	45	69	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	45	69	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Rene-died (3)	To H.M. Ins-pector (4)	By H.M. Ins-pector (5)	Number of cases in which pros-ecutions were institu-ted. (6)
Want of cleanliness (s.1) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (s.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable (s.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation(S.4)..	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (s.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	-	-	-

3. OUTWORKERS - Nil.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,
J.T.G. CRADDOCK.
Chief Public Health Inspector.